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MOSCOW FOR SENATOR MCGOVERN

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SUBJ: SENATOR MCGOVERN'S MEETING WITH FIRST SECRETARY GIerek,  
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, AUGUST 18, 1977 -- DIVIDED FAMILIES

1. SENATOR MCGOVERN MENTIONED THE AMNESTY AND THE HUMANITARIAN CONCERN THIS SIGNIFIED, SAYING THAT HE FOUND THIS VERY COMMENDABLE. HE REFERRED TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICANS OF POLISH ORIGIN AND SAID THAT THEY, AND MANY OTHER AMERICANS, WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF THE POLISH AUTHORITIES COULD SPEED UP THE REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES.

2. GIEREK SAID THAT AMBASSADOR DAVIES WAS ACCURATELY INFORMED ON THIS SUBJECT. THE POLISH AUTHORITIES WERE NOT AGAINST RE-UNIFICATION OF FAMILIES. BUT THEY OPPOSED EMIGRATION AT A TIME WHEN THEY NEEDED THE MANPOWER HERE IN POLAND. IT WOULD BE STRANGE IF THIS WERE TO BE MADE THE BASIS FOR DECIDING WHETHER POLAND WAS FREE OR NOT.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER WOJTASZEK, IN HIS ONLY CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCUSSION, SAID THAT MOST OF THE CASES INVOLVING CLOSE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS WERE FAVORABLY RESOLVED.

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MANY OF THE OTHERS INVOLVED SUCH DISTANT RELATIONSHIPS THAT IT WAS HARD FOR THE POLISH AUTHORITIES TO REGARD THEM AS DIVIDED-FAMILY CASES.

4. THIS IS THE LAST IN THE SERIES OF TELEGRAMS REPORTING SENATOR MCGOVERN'S MEETING WITH FIRST SECRETARY GIerek. DAVIES

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